

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF GALLATIN)	
COUNTY, KENTUCKY, REQUESTING A)	
SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR)	
EXTENDED AREA TELEPHONE SERVICE)	CASE NO. 7472
BETWEEN GALLATIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY)	
AND BOONE COUNTY, KENTUCKY INCLUDING)	
THE CINCINNATI, OHIO METROPOLITAN)	
AREA.)	

O R D E R

On May 8, 1979, the Commission received a letter from Mrs. Bonita J. Winkle, Verona, Kentucky, and an accompanying petition concerning the establishment of Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS) between Gallatin county, Kentucky, and Boone county, Kentucky, including the Cincinnati, Ohio Metropolitan Area. Both areas are served by Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (Cincinnati Bell).

After considering the letter and petition, and being advised, the Commission on May 29, 1979, Ordered that Cincinnati Bell conduct a one month traffic study with respect to the toll calling patterns between Gallatin county, Kentucky, and Boone county, Kentucky, including the Cincinnati, Ohio Metropolitan area. By Order dated June 24, 1979, Cincinnati Bell was granted an extension of time until August 31, 1979, to file its traffic study results. Subsequently, on August 31, 1979, Cincinnati Bell filed the results of its toll traffic study.

After receiving the traffic study results, the Commission, by Order dated November 20, 1979, set the matter for hearing on January 10, 1980, at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky. The hearing was held as scheduled, and all parties of interest were given the opportunity to be heard.

The Commission, after consideration of this matter, including the public hearing and all correspondence of record, and being advised of the opinion and FINDS that:

1) The toll traffic studies which were conducted do not indicate a level of calling activity among any of the various study routes involved which would be sufficient to pursue continuation of this matter;

2) At the Public hearing of January 10, 1980, evidence of interest in calling from Gallatin county into the northern Kentucky Metropolitan area and Cincinnati was introduced, but no demonstration of calling interest in the reverse direction was shown;

3) Neither petitioners nor the toll traffic studies have demonstrated a two-way community of interest which must be shown to justify further consideration of this matter, and therefore this case should be dismissed;

4) Cincinnati Bell should develop rates for Optional Calling Plans (OCP) which will allow special rates for Gallatin county subscribers desiring to call into the northern Kentucky areas which are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition for Extended Area Telephone Service (EAS) between Gallatin county and the northern Kentucky metropolitan area, to include the Cincinnati metropolitan area, be and it hereby is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company shall develop Optional Calling Plan (OCP) tariffs and rates for Gallatin county subscribers to call into the Kentucky Metropolitan, Alexandria, Burlington, Florence, Hebron, Independence, Union, and Walton exchanges, and further shall file those OCP tariffs and rates with the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the OCP tariffs filed shall include three (3) plans: Residence only, one-way, off-hours; residence or business, one-way, all hours; residence or business, two-way, all hours.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cincinnati Bell telephone Company shall, within thirty (30) days of Commission approval of the OCP filing, inform its Gallatin county subscribers via the use of bill inserts of the availability, conditions, and rates of the approved Optional Calling Plans.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9th day of January, 1981.

UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Did not participate

Chairman

J. M. Stogdeman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary